

## FSHVMPO MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Gerry Roche at 6:00 pm

Minutes from April meeting were approved by Lori Rusak and seconded by Mary Beth Duchseneau.

Treasurer's report was presented by Tom McGorry and approved by Lindsay Kessler.

The executive board was introduced as follows:

President – Gerry Roche, Vice President – Mary Ann Kostura, Treasurer – Tom McGorry, Secretary – Barb McGorry.

Board members – Gift Cards – Mary Beth Duchseneau, Disney Trip – Brenda Cahill, Gowns/Tuxes – Lori Rusak and Lindsay Kessler, Hospitality – Kathy Davis.

Revision of by-laws were approved and accepted without opposition.

Ms. Volpato's report was given as follows:

Student leaders were introduced.

The choir did a GREAT job at the Iron Pigs. Everyone had fun and we received very positive feedback from the Iron Pigs' staff. Grant Stive's pitch made it over the plate!! We were invited back next year and are working on the details. Open house went very well with 80% - 90% participation. The choir sang the National Anthem and Freedom's Alma Mater.

All communications and reminders will be sent by Remind 101 only. If you do not have a cell phone, please find a text buddy so that you will not miss out on important information.

The entire choir will be travelling to Kutztown University on October 21 for a performance assessment.

The winter concert will be on December 4.

You can link your Google calendar to the choir's calendar and have important dates automatically appear in your calendar.

Uniform payments are \$70.00 for girls black gowns and is due by the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have financial difficulties, please see Ms. Volpato and something can be arranged. **NO CHILD SHOULD MISS A PERFORMANCE BECAUSE THEY CANNOT AFFORD A GOWN OR TUX. WE WILL HELP YOU!!**

We are looking for volunteers to help with transportation for choir members whose parents/family are not able to attend the concerts. They will need rides home after the concert. A sign up sheet was provided. If interested, please contact Ms. Volpato.

Mrs. Cahill will be meeting with the travel agent for the Disney Trip and a payment schedule will be set. Information to follow...

President Gerry Roche's report is as follows:

Fundraisers were reviewed. Students can participate in one or all of the fundraisers. A fundraiser review sheet was handed out. Cash for any fundraiser items must be dropped off to Mrs. Roche at her house. A receipt will be given for any cash that is dropped off. On-line orders and credit cards will not be accepted. Fundraiser items must also be picked up at Mrs. Roche's house.

There will be a tricky tray and basket raffle at the winter concert. Mrs. Roche will be putting five baskets together and has been extremely busy soliciting businesses for donations. She will have a choir basket, a fun basket, a his/hers basket, a cooking/baking basket and a school/sports basket. If you have an empty basket that you would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Roche.

Activity fee is now \$35.00 and is due by the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Forms were handed out for the Golden Age pass for anyone in the school district 65 years of age or older. This pass allows them to attend either the Freedom or the Liberty play the night before opening night and includes dinner. It also allows them free attendance to any chorus concert or sporting event.

Nominations were being accepted for all executive board positions and elections will be held at the November meeting. The deadline to volunteer for board positions is October 1.

Shoprite gift cards are now being sold in addition to the Giant gift cards and sales are going very well.

The choir will again be performing at Barnes and Noble on December 8 from 6 – 8 pm. This is not a graded event but all members are strongly encouraged to participate as this helps to raise funds for the general account. T-shirts are also being sold for \$12.00 each.

We are looking for a volunteer to handle publicity for our various events. If interested, please contact either Gerry Roche or Ms. Volpato.

Respectfully submitted by Barb McGorry

Secretary